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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLA REFUGEES

REF: STATE 203574, B. LUANDA 1262

1. FURTHER ON THE REFUGEES. MANY OF THE
REFUGEE/CIVIL SERVANT FLIGHTS LEAVE HERE WITH
EMPTY SEATS BECAUSE THE PORTUGUESE ARE RELUCTANT TO
LEAVE UNTIL THEY SEE THEIR EFFECTS ABOARD SHIP. AS
THEY CANNOT SELL THEM EXCEPT AT A DISCOUNT AND IF
THEY SOLD THEM THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CONVERT THEIR
ANGOLAN ESCUDOS EXCEPT AT A GREAT DISCOUNT, THEY
PACK THEM UP AND WAIT HERE FOR WEEKS IN THE HOPES OF
GETTING THEM ABOARD SHIP. ONE OF THE BIGGEST
ISSUES FOR THE DEPARTING PORTUGUESE IS THE LACK OF
SUFFICIENT OCEAN TRANSPORT AND THEIR DEMONSTRATIONS
HIGHLIGHT THIS FACTOR.

2. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT THE USG CAN DO TO HELP OUT IN
THIS MATTER, BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THE PORTUGUESE

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GOVERNMENT MUST HAVE VESSELS IT COULD PUT INTO

SERVICE TO CARRS HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS AND
AUTOMOBILES AND WE SHOULD OBTAIN A COMMITMENT
FROM THEM TO MOVE MORE CARGO OUT OF LUANDA BY
SEA.

3. ON REREADING MY 1262, I FIND I LEFT THE
IMPRESSION THAT DEPARTING PORTUGUESE CANNOT CONVERT
ANY ANGOLAN ESCUDOS INTO PORTUGUESE ESCUDOS.
THEY CAN CONVERT 5,000 ESCUDOS (ABOUT 200
DOLLARS AT THE OFFICIAL RATE.)
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